


# City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL

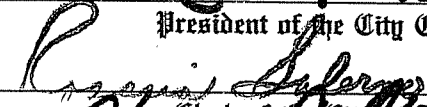
COUNCILLORS CHARLES C. YANCEY AND CHUCK TURNER

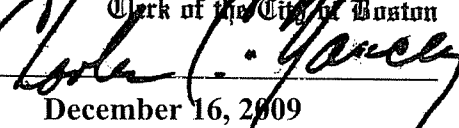
## RON WORTHAM

- WHEREAS: Ron Wortham was born on November 17, 1939 in the City of Boston and he attended Roxbury Memorial High School; and
- WHEREAS: Wortham established Boston's first celebration of Juneteenth on June 19, 2001 at Franklin Park in Boston; and
- WHEREAS: Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. Juneteenth, or the 19th of June, recognizes June 19, 1865, in Galveston, TX, when Union General Gordon Granger announced freedom for all slaves in the Southwest; and
- WHEREAS: Wortham's annual Juneteenth observation attracts thousands of people to the City of Boston; and
- WHEREAS: Wortham, who operated a limousine service for the Davis Funeral Home on Walnut Street in Roxbury for 40 years, recently retired and will relocate to Atlanta, Georgia in 2010; and
- WHEREAS: Wortham's son, Kenneth Wayne Williams, has vowed to carry on the annual tradition of celebrating the end of slavery in the City of Boston; Be It Therefore
- RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, congratulates Ron Wortham for initiating the annual observation in Boston of the end of slavery in the United States; and Be it Further
- RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, declares December 12, 2009 as Ron Wortham day in the City of Boston.



By:   
President of the City Council

Attest:   
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: 

Date: December 16, 2009